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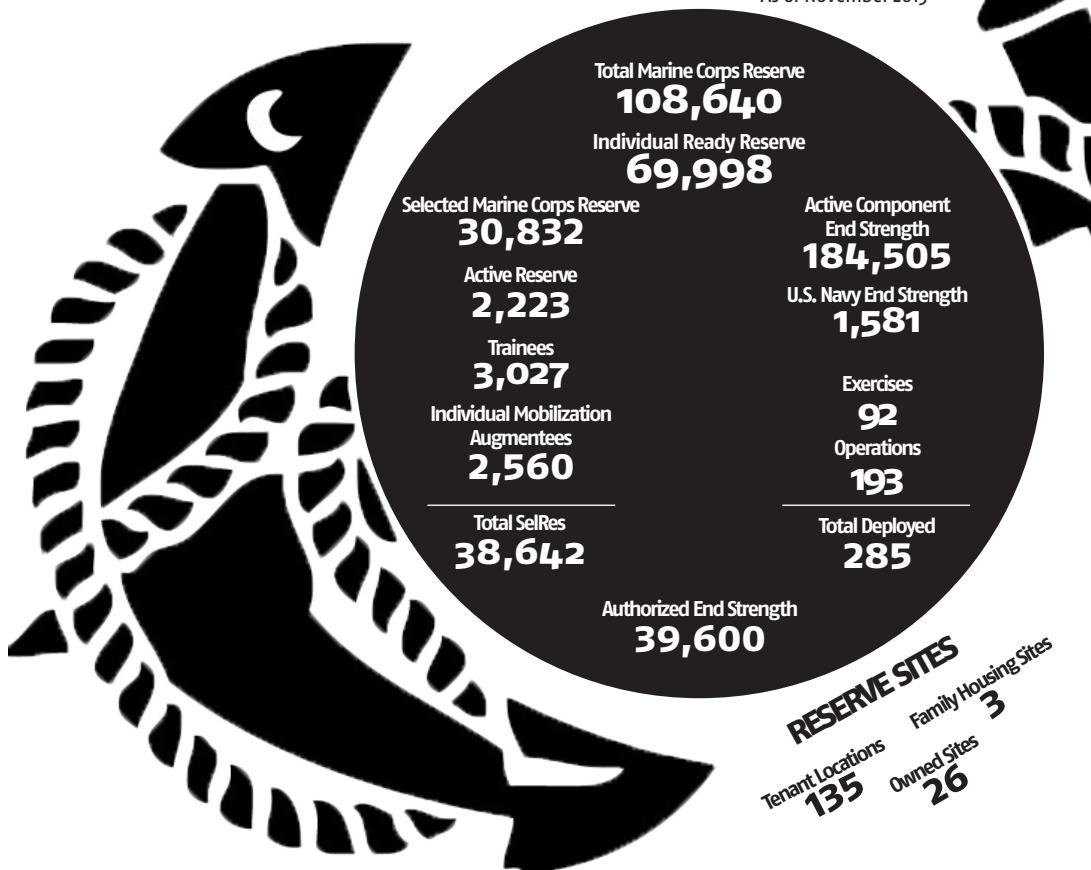


LT. GEN. REX C. MCMILLIAN

Commander, Marine Forces Reserve

On November 8 of next year, the U.S. will elect a new president. In addition, Americans will also be casting their ballots for a variety of other local, state and federal offices. As Marines, you are sworn to defend and protect this country. Accordingly, I not only encourage, but expect you all to be active citizens and participate in the political process. However, with the privilege of wearing this uniform, comes enormous responsibility. You are not ordinary citizens. You are bound by specific rules and regulations that govern your participation in the political process. I expect all Marines and Sailors of Marine Forces Reserve to familiarize themselves with these regulations. Ensure that you and your Marines follow these standards and continue to carry on the outstanding legacy that we enjoy as Marines. Semper Fidelis.

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LEADERSHIP

Secretary of the Navy	Hon. Ray Mabus
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4th Marine Division	Brig. Gen. Paul K. Lebidine
4th Marine Aircraft Wing	Maj. Gen. William T. Collins
4th Marine Logistics Group	Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Hermesmann
Force Headquarters Group	Brig. Gen. Helen G. Pratt

You are free to **participate in the political process** as an individual citizen. There are many instances, however, in which you are representing the Marine Corps and may not participate in political activities. Here is the scoop on what you can and cannot do:

Don't wear your uniform to a political event

YOU MAY

- ✓ In your **PERSONAL** capacity, outside of the workplace, express political opinions or sign petitions.
- ✓ Register to vote.
- ✓ Write letters, publish content, but without soliciting votes. You can say you are in the military, but you cannot ID your unit or billet and must also include a disclaimer.
- ✓ Join a political club or attend a fundraiser or political event **BUT** not in uniform.
- ✓ Donate money to a political organization, party or committee.
- ✓ Display bumper stickers on P0V.

YOU MAY NOT

- ✗ Wear the uniform during any political event, to include distributing partisan political campaign literature.
- ✗ Serve in an official capacity or be listed as a sponsor of any partisan political event. Display political signs in base housing or the workplace.
- ✗ Perform clerical duties for any political campaign.*
- ✗ Publish or distribute partisan political articles or letters.*
- ✗ Speak before a partisan political gathering.*

*Unless you are a Reservist acting in your personal capacity, not in uniform, and not in a duty status

All Marines must be properly respectful of the President, Members of Congress and other elected officials. For more information, see DoD Directive 1344.10 and Maradmin 603/15